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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Associated Press: Dispute over good kidney, bad 1 hits high court

"Does the loss of a kidney deserve compensation? The Michigan Supreme Court is hearing arguments Wednesday in a case involving a woman who is suing her doctor over a five-year delay in learning that she had a cancerous kidney."

[Full story](#)

Note: This Associated Press article also ran in the Detroit Free Press, the Detroit News, the Battle Creek Enquirer, the Lansing State Journal, the Times Herald/Port Huron, WILX-TV(10)/Lansing, and other media outlets.

Also see:

The MLW Blog: Coffee, cows ... and a case of heartburn

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: Medical marijuana case goes before state Supreme Court

"A medical marijuana user's lawsuit against the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming, over a zoning ordinance that would impose civil penalties for growing and using marijuana, is one of 10 cases the Michigan Supreme Court will hear in the first oral arguments of the court's new term this week.... The plaintiff in Ter Beek v Wyoming argues that the ordinance is invalid under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Oakland Press Blog: Tomorrow: Local Ordinance Banning Medical Marijuana to be Argued at Michigan Supreme Court

[Full story](#)

WXMI-TV(17)/Grand Rapids: State Supreme Court to Hear First Arguments in Wyoming Medical Marijuana Case Thursday

[Full story](#)

Medical marijuana case on the docket for Michigan Supreme Court's first oral arguments of 2013-2014 term

[Press release](#)

Detroit Free Press: Bill Schuette to Michigan Supreme Court: Don't waste your time on right-to-work appeal

"The Michigan Supreme Court shouldn't waste its time taking up an appeal over one of the state's controversial right-to-work laws, Republican Attorney General Bill Schuette wrote in a court filing this week. Schuette opposes the state employee unions' effort to appeal a Court of Appeals ruling in August, which found Michigan's public-sector right-to-work law does apply to the state's 35,000 unionized workers."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Lansing State Journal.

Detroit Free Press: Board recommends removal of Judge McCree, 6-year suspension if he is re-elected

"Citing a pattern of misconduct that included having an affair with a witness in a case he was hearing and repeatedly lying under oath, the Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission recommended today that Wayne

County Circuit Judge Wade McCree be removed from the bench. If McCree, who is already suspended without pay, wins re-election in 2014, he should be suspended for six years beginning Jan. 1, 2015, the commission said in a report released today."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

The Detroit News: Wayne Co. Judge McCree's lawyer seeks censure instead of removal

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Detroit Free Press: Bill to shut public access to juvenile criminal records clears Senate

"A bill that would shut out the public and media from access to the criminal records of juveniles available on a Michigan State Police-run online data base passed unanimously in the state Senate Wednesday. The records could be released to other law enforcement agencies and employers who do criminal background checks on potential employees, but not to the public or the media."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Free Press: Report shows improvements in Michigan child welfare

"The Michigan Human Services Department says federal monitors have found some improvements in the state's child welfare system. Human services officials said Tuesday that court-appointed monitors report the agency is meeting and exceeding caseload standards for supervisors and staff."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Associated Press: Report shows improvements in Mich. child welfare

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Detroit Free Press: Transgender Troy murderer shouldn't have sentence shortened, state tells Supreme Court

"Michigan's solicitor general went before the U.S. Supreme Court today to argue that an appeals court was wrong when it ruled a transgender woman convicted of a murder in Troy in 2000 had an ineffective lawyer and should get a shorter sentence."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

SBM Blog: U.S. Supreme Court Takes On "Messy Facts" Of Another Michigan Ineffective Assistance of Counsel Case

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: A high note: U-M band alums rejoice in 'Homecoming' spirit

"It's billed as a 'Blast from the Past,' an annual Maize-and-Blue filled opportunity for area attorneys Bill Richards and Howard Gourwitz to relive their days as bandmen at the University of Michigan.... For Richards, a 46th District Court judge in Southfield since 2007, the annual chance to step into the homecoming spotlight is an inviting trip back in time."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News and the Oakland County Legal News.

Detroit Legal News: Better Business

"The State Bar of Michigan Business Law Section hosted its Annual Meeting on the topic of 'Michigan Business Courts: A View from the Bench' on Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Sheraton Detroit Nov. [Business court judges from Kent, Oakland and Macomb counties attended the event]."

[Full story](#)

Ann Arbor News: Woman who accused Ann Arbor defense attorney of sexual assault takes the stand

"The woman who was allegedly sexually assaulted by Ann Arbor defense attorney and former Downtown Development Authority board member Nader Nassif said the two smoked marijuana and ate pizza before she lost consciousness and woke up to him having sex with her. Monday was the first day of testimony in the preliminary examination for Nassif's case."

[Full story](#)

Flint Journal: Guest view of Judge Duncan Beagle: Community essential to preserving Atwood Stadium's storied past, present, future in Flint

Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Duncan M. Beagle writes "Born and raised in Flint, I have had the pleasure of competing at Atwood Stadium in football and baseball, and also watching hundreds of other sporting events and musical concerts. Atwood Stadium is to Flint what Fenway Park is to Boston, Wrigley Field is to Chicago and what the old Tiger Stadium once was to Detroit."

[Full story](#)

Grand Rapids Press: Case against ex-Meijer attorney weakened by Michigan Supreme Court ruling

"The Michigan Supreme Court partially overturned the state Attorney Discipline Board's decision against a former Meijer attorney. The ruling weakens the case against Timothy Stoepker, who faces the loss of his license to practice law over charges he allegedly lied about his role in a recall effort of Acme Township leaders who opposed a Meijer store in their Northern Michigan community."

[Full story](#)

The News-Herald/Southgate: TAYLOR: Court of Appeals to hear Mayor Lamarand fire grant case

"The Michigan Court of Appeals is hearing Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand's federal fire grant case today — a year after he lost it in Wayne County Circuit Court. Judge Prentis Edwards ruled against Lamarand in the summer of 2012 and in favor of a City Council resolution that directed the mayor to accept a two-year, \$8.1 million fire safety package called a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response grant."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Ending 'school to prison pipeline' goal of Michigan anti-truancy summit

"Kids who skip or are ousted from school for bad behavior are at risk of dropping out and entering the 'school to prison pipeline.' Efforts to find solutions to school truancy--and keep kids from lives of crime--got a boost at the recent 'Michigan Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of the Justice System.' ... The two-day summit, convened in Ann Arbor, involved a wide array of experts on juvenile justice and truancy: juvenile judges [including Midland County Probate Court Judge Dorene S. Allen, who also served as chair of the summit], intermediate school district superintendents, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, and community mental health workers."

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